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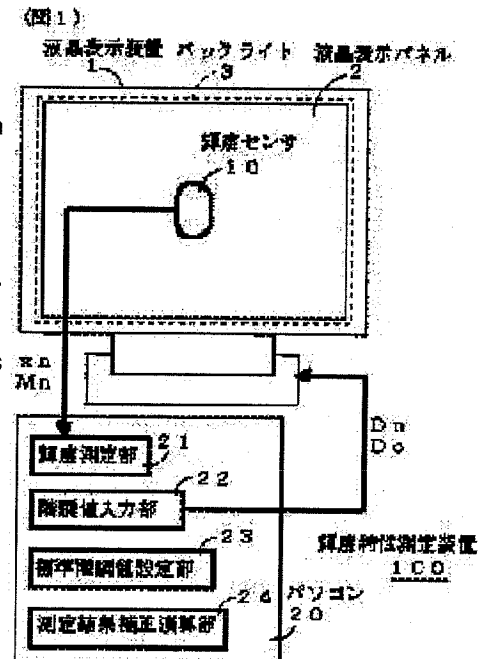
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HAYASHI SHIGEO**(54) BRIGHTNESS CHARACTERISTIC MEASURING METHOD AND DEVICE OF DISPLAY DEVICE****(57)Abstract:**

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To measure the brightness characteristic of a display device without an error, even if base fluctuation is generated in brightness on a screen of the display device during brightness characteristic measurement.

SOLUTION: Reference brightness M_n is measured correlatively with measurement of brightness x_n corresponding to each gradation value D_n . Fluctuation of the reference brightness M_n shows the base fluctuation of the brightness on the screen, therefore the brightness x_n is corrected based thereon, to acquire the brightness x_n having no error. Hereby, the brightness characteristic can be measured without an error, to thereby execute properly gamma correction.

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CLAIMS

[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] Each gradation value D_n ($1 \leq n \leq N$) from the 1st gradation value D_1 to the Nth gradation value D_N is inputted into a display. It is a luminance characteristic measuring method of a display which measures the luminosity x_n of a screen of a display corresponding to each

gradation value D_n , A luminance characteristic measuring method of a display making it respond to measuring the luminosity x_n , inputting the standard gradation value D_0 into a display, measuring standard luminosity M_n , and amending the luminosity x_n of a measurement result based on standard luminosity M_n .

[Claim 2] A luminance characteristic measuring method of a display, wherein said display is a liquid crystal display and the liquid crystal display makes a gradation value which gives the brightest luminosity said standard gradation value D_0 in a luminance characteristic measuring method of the display according to claim 1.

[Claim 3] A luminance property measuring device of a display characterized by comprising the following.

A gradation value input means which inputs each gradation value D_n ($1 \leq n \leq N$) from the 1st gradation value D_1 to the Nth gradation value D_N into a display.

A measurement-of-luminance means to measure the luminance value x_n of a screen of a display corresponding to each gradation value D_n .

A gradation value input means which makes it respond to measuring the luminance value x_n , and inputs the standard gradation value D_0 into a display.

A standard measurement-of-luminance means to measure luminance value M_n of a screen of a display corresponding to the standard gradation value D_0 , and a measurement result

compensation means which amends the luminance value x_n of a measurement result based on standard luminance value M_n .

[Claim 4] A luminance property measuring device of a display in which said standard gradation value D_0 is characterized by a liquid crystal display being a gradation value which gives the brightest luminosity in a luminance property measuring device of the display according to claim 3.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Field of the Invention] This invention relates to the luminance characteristic measuring method and device of a display which can measure the luminance property of a display without error, even if the base fluctuation of luminosity arises during measurement in more detail about the luminance characteristic measuring method and device of a display.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] Conventionally, the luminance property of a liquid crystal display is measured as follows.

(1) Turn on a liquid crystal display and warm up for [for / 20 minutes / -] 30 minutes.

(2) Input the 1st gradation value D_1 (for example, "0") - the 256th gradation value D_{256} (for example, "255") into a liquid crystal display, and measure the luminance values x_1 - x_{256} of a

corresponding screen.

(3) Match the 1st gradation value D1 – the 256th gradation value D256, and the luminance values x_1 – x_{256} of a measurement result, and consider it as the luminance property of this liquid crystal display.

[0003]The measured luminance property is used when performing a gamma correction.

[0004]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention]In the luminance characteristic measuring method of the above-mentioned conventional liquid crystal display, while inputting from the 1st gradation value to the 256th gradation value into the liquid crystal display in order and having measured the luminance value, a back light generates heat and temperature rises. However, since the light of a back light will become strong if temperature rises, base fluctuation arises in the luminosity of the screen of a liquid crystal display (luminosity increases), a difference is produced in the measuring condition of the measured value at the time of a measurement start, and the measured value at the time of measuring finish, and there is a problem that an error is included in the luminance property using a measurement result, as it is. Although the temperature of a back light may fall depending on environment, since the light of a back light becomes weak even in this case, base fluctuation arises in the luminosity of the screen of a liquid crystal display (luminosity decreases), and there is the same problem as the above. Then, the purpose of this invention is to provide the luminance characteristic measuring method and device of a display which can measure the luminance property of a display without error, even if the base fluctuation of luminosity arises during measurement.

[0005]

[Means for Solving the Problem]In the 1st viewpoint, this invention inputs each gradation value D_n ($1 \leq n \leq N$) from the 1st gradation value D1 to the Nth gradation value DN into a display. It is a luminance characteristic measuring method of a display which measures the luminosity x_n of a screen of a display corresponding to each gradation value D_n . It is made to respond to measuring the luminosity x_n , the standard gradation value D_0 is inputted into a display, standard luminosity M_n is measured, and a luminance characteristic measuring method of a display amending the luminosity x_n of a measurement result based on standard luminosity M_n is provided. In a luminance characteristic measuring method of a display by the 1st viewpoint of the above, it is made to respond to measuring the luminosity x_n corresponding to each gradation value D_n , and standard luminosity M_n is measured. Since change of this standard luminosity M_n expresses base fluctuation of luminosity, if the luminosity x_n is amended based on this, it can acquire the luminance property of a display without error.

[0006]In the 2nd viewpoint, in a luminance characteristic measuring method of a display of the above-mentioned composition, said display is a liquid crystal display and this invention provides a luminance characteristic measuring method of a display, wherein the liquid crystal display makes a gradation value which gives the brightest luminosity said standard gradation value D_0 . Base fluctuation of luminosity of a screen appears notably, so that luminosity is bright. So, in a luminance characteristic measuring method of a display by the 2nd viewpoint of the above, since it inputs into a display by making into the standard gradation value D_0 a gradation value which gives the brightest luminosity and standard luminosity M_n is measured, base fluctuation of luminosity of a screen can be caught most correctly.

[0007]A luminance property measuring device of a display this invention is characterized by that comprises the following in the 3rd viewpoint.

A gradation value input means which inputs each gradation value D_n ($1 \leq n \leq N$) from the 1st gradation value D1 to the Nth gradation value DN into a display.

A measurement-of-luminance means to measure the luminance value x_n of a screen of a display corresponding to each gradation value D_n .

A gradation value input means which makes it respond to measuring the luminance value x_n , and inputs the standard gradation value D_0 into a display.

A standard measurement-of-luminance means to measure luminance value M_n of a screen of a display corresponding to the standard gradation value D_0 , and a measurement result

compensation means which amends the luminance value x_n of a measurement result based on

standard luminance value M_n .

In a luminance property measuring device of a display by the 3rd viewpoint of the above, a luminance characteristic measuring method of a display by the 1st viewpoint of the above can be enforced suitably.

[0008] In the 4th viewpoint, this invention provides a luminance property measuring device of a display in which said standard gradation value D_0 is characterized by a liquid crystal display being a gradation value which gives the brightest luminosity in a luminance property measuring device of a display of the above-mentioned composition. In a luminance property measuring device of a display by the 4th viewpoint of the above, a luminance characteristic measuring method of a display by the 2nd viewpoint of the above can be enforced suitably.

[0009]

[Embodiment of the Invention] Hereafter, the embodiment shown in a figure explains this invention still in detail. Thereby, this invention is not limited.

[0010] Drawing 1 is a lineblock diagram showing the luminance property measuring device 100 of the liquid crystal display 1 concerning one embodiment of this invention. This luminance property measuring device 100 possesses the luminance sensor 10 and the personal computer 20, and is constituted. The luminance sensor 10 is installed so that the luminosity of the screen (liquid crystal display panel 2) of the liquid crystal display 1 can be detected. The standard gradation value set part 23 for an operator to set up the standard gradation value D_0 , as for the personal computer 20, The gradation value input part 22 which inputs each gradation value D_n ($1 \leq n \leq N$) and the standard gradation value D_0 from the 1st gradation value D_1 to the Nth gradation value D_N into a display, The measurement-of-luminance part 21 which measures luminance value M_n of the screen corresponding to the luminance value x_n of the screen corresponding to each gradation value D_n and the standard gradation value D_0 with the luminance sensor 10, and the measurement result correction operation part 24 which amends the luminance value x_n of a measurement result based on standard luminance value M_n are included. It is preferred that the liquid crystal display 1 sets up the gradation value which gives the brightest luminosity as the standard gradation value D_0 .

[0011] Drawing 2 is a flow chart of the luminance property measuring process by the luminance property measuring device 100. After turning on the liquid crystal display 1, making the back light 3 turn on and warming up for [for / 20 minutes / -] 30 minutes, it is preferred to perform this processing. The standard gradation value D_0 is inputted into the liquid crystal display 1 in Step S1. Reference luminance value M_0 is measured in Step S2. In Step S3, the gradation value number n is initialized to "1." The liquid crystal display 1 makes "1" the gradation value number n of the gradation value which gives the darkest luminosity, The gradation value number n of the gradation value which gives the brightest luminosity shall be made into "256" ($=N$), there shall be a gradation value which gives 254 steps of middle luminosity among both, and the gradation value number of "2"-"255" shall be assigned to the order which becomes bright at them.

[0012] The n -th gradation value D_n is inputted into the liquid crystal display 1 in step S4. The luminance value x_n is measured in Step S5. The standard gradation value D_0 is inputted into the liquid crystal display 1 in Step S6. Standard luminance value M_n is measured in Step S7.

[0013] In Step S8, the luminosity x_n of a measurement result is amended based on standard luminosity M_n . For example, the luminance value X_n after amendment is calculated by the correcting operation of $X_n = x_n \times M_0 / M_n$. In step S9, the gradation value number n , a gradation value, and the luminance value X_n after amendment are made to correspond, and are memorized.

[0014] In Step S10, only "1" *****s the gradation value number n . In Step S11, if it confirms whether the gradation value number n exceeded N ($=256$), it has not exceeded and it will return and exceed to said step S4, processing will be ended.

[0015] Drawing 3 is a key map of the luminance property data 30 obtained by the above-mentioned luminance property measuring process.

[0016] Drawing 4 is an illustration figure of a graph showing the temporal change and standard luminosity M_0 of the luminosity X_n after the luminosity x_n and standard luminosity M_n which were measured, and amendment. Since a gradation value increases to time order, the measured

luminosity x_n becomes bright and goes. The luminance value x_{256} corresponding to the gradation value number $N = 256$ is in agreement with the standard luminosity M_{256} . The luminance value x_1 corresponding to the gradation value number $n = 1$ at the time of a measurement start is in agreement with standard luminosity M_0 . Since the measured luminosity x_n becomes bright in order, the luminosity X_n after amendment becomes bright in order, and goes. The luminance value X_1 after the amendment corresponding to the gradation value number $n = 1$ at the time of a measurement start is in agreement with the measured luminance value x_1 corresponding to the gradation value number $n = 1$ at the time of a measurement start. The luminance value X_{256} after the amendment corresponding to the gradation value number $N = 256$ is in agreement with standard luminosity M_0 .

[0017] According to the luminance property measuring device 100 of the above-mentioned liquid crystal display 1, even if base fluctuation arises in the luminosity of the liquid crystal display 1 during luminance property measurement, the luminance property of the liquid crystal display 1 can be measured without error. The measured luminance property is used when performing a gamma correction.

[0018] According to the above-mentioned embodiment, although the liquid crystal display was assumed as a display, this invention is applicable also to displays, such as a CRT display, a plasma display device, and LED display equipment.

[0019]

[Effect of the Invention] According to the luminance characteristic measuring method and device of a display of this invention, even if base fluctuation arises in the luminosity of the screen of a display during luminance property measurement, the luminance property of a display can be measured without error.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is a lineblock diagram showing the luminance property measuring device of the liquid crystal display concerning one embodiment of this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is a flow chart showing the luminance property measuring process concerning one embodiment of this invention.

[Drawing 3] It is a key map showing the luminance property data obtained by the luminance property measuring process of this invention.

[Drawing 4] It is an illustration figure of a graph showing the temporal change of the measured luminosity, standard luminosity, and the luminosity after amendment, and standard luminosity.

[Description of Notations]

100 Luminance property measuring device

1 Liquid crystal display

2 Display panel

3 Back light

- 10 Luminance sensor
- 20 Personal computer
- 21 Measurement-of-luminance part
- 22 Gradation value input part
- 23 Standard gradation value set part
- 24 Measurement result correction operation part

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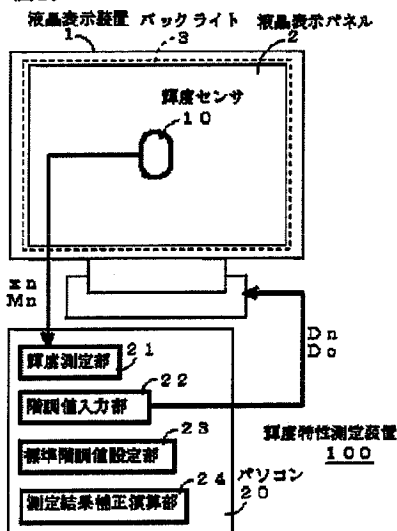
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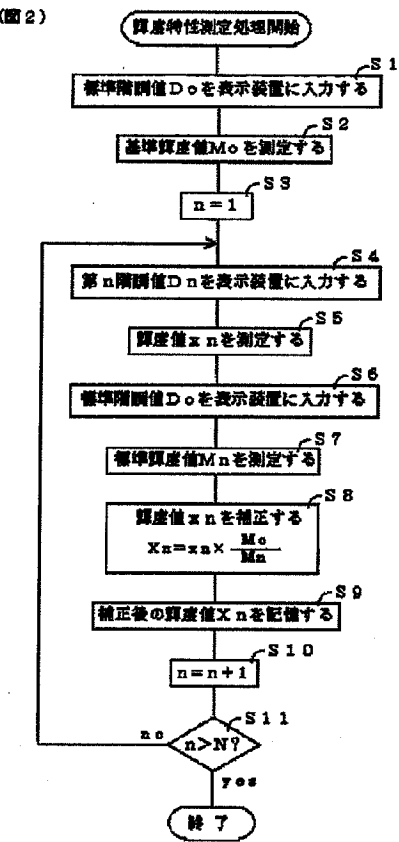
DRAWINGS

[Drawing 1]

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[Drawing 2]



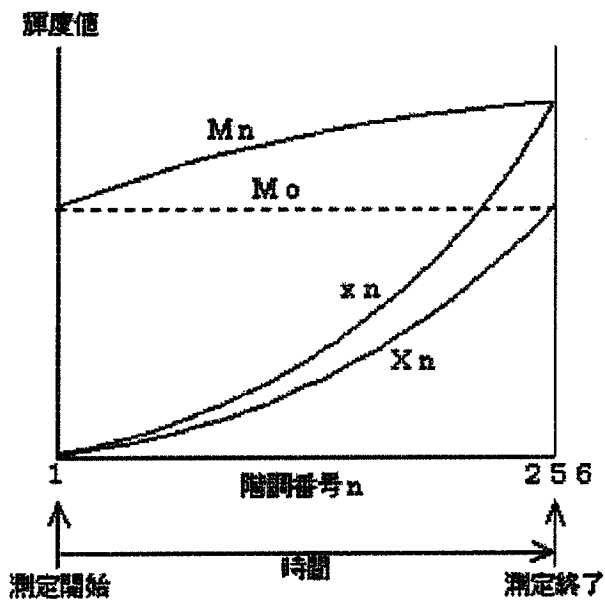
[Drawing 3]

(図 3) 輝度特性データ
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階調値番号 n	階調値 D n	輝度 X n
1	D1	X1
2	D2	X2
3	D3	X3
4	D4	X4
5	D5	X5
⋮	⋮	⋮
254	D254	X254
255	D255	X255
256	D256	X256

[Drawing 4]

(図 4)



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